

self. This deed Mr. Fearn left with Mr. G. P. Bull for Mr. Gowan. Mr. Bull was Proprietor of a Paper in Dublin at that period called "THE ANTIDOTE." Mr. Bull read the deed and he gave it to Mr. Ogle Gowan. Shortly after Mr. Thomas Gowan went to Dublin, & having called at Mr. Bull's he, (Bull,) told him of the deed and what was contained in it. Mr. Thos. Gowan asked Mr. Bull would he feel any disinclination to swear to the truth of what he had stated. Mr. Bull said not, & he accordingly made the Affidavit before Alderman Darley. Mr. Thomas Gowan came home to his father, and he charged him, if I may so say, with having executed that deed. He denied that he ever executed or knew of any such instrument.—Mr. T. Gowan then handed him Mr. Bull's affidavit. Old Mr. Gowan felt greatly surprised and incensed at this; he denied that he ever seen or heard of any such deed.—Gentlemen, he spoke upon the subject to William and Ogle Gowan. He desired them to destroy it, that he might hear no more of it. They affected to destroy the deed by throwing it into the fire, but it was only the cover of the deed that they burned—the deed itself they dropt into some trunk or box, and they afterwards boasted that they had deceived the old gentleman!!! Shortly before this one of the silver cups, which I stated the Grand Jury had given to Mr. Gowan disappeared. The family had reason to suspect Ogle Gowan of having taken it, and Thomas Gowan determined to prosecute him for it. Mr. John Hunter Gowan finally exerted himself to prevent the prosecution. He came to the Assizes, represented the case to the Grand Jury, and I need not say that he succeeded in having the Bills withdrawn. The prosecution was therefore rendered abortive. This was at the Spring Assizes. It will appear that he proceeded from the Assizes to the residence of his nephew, Henry Gowan of Enniscorthy, where he remained some days. He expressed great indignation at the prosecution instituted by Thomas Gowan against Ogle Gowan. He afterwards proceeded with Mr. Henry Gowan to Mount Nebo. The deed of the defendants, or rather conspirators, bears date on the 15th of March, that very month, and purports to have been executed at Mount Nebo. Mr. Henry Gowan continued at Mount Nebo for several days, and he will tell you distinctly that no such deed was executed during that time—that if it had been executed he should be likely to be the witness to its execution—that he did not hear of it, or even see the parties in it during that period. Gentlemen I have now to introduce to your notice the names of persons of the utmost respectability in this County. Lord Courtown, Mr. Beauman, of Hyde Park, and Mr. Medicott, the Rector of the Parish, who exerted themselves to endeavour to reconcile the differences that existed between Mr. Gowan and his children, and after several efforts they succeeded. Mr. Gowan sent for Mr. Medicott to administer to him the sacrament, but Mr. Medicott felt that he would not be justified in administering to him that sacred rite while any irritated feeling existed between them, and he requested that they should be reconciled. Gentlemen you will find that the children were all called around the father—that he held out his hand cordially to them—and that they took the sacrament together. On the 2nd of May, William Gowan went to Mr. Donovan, a respectable attorney of Enniscorthy, to consult with him about drawing up his father's will. Mr. Donovan acted conscientiously and cautiously, and he asked what title deeds there were, and what power his father had in the disposal of his property. William Gowan informed Mr. Donovan that he believed his brother Ogle Gowan had a deed, which he alleged to have destroyed, and he wished to know whether it could set aside the will. What answer Mr. Donovan made to this I cannot tell. William brought Mr. Donovan to Mount Nebo, to the bedside of the testator, and he drew up the will, none being present but Wm. Gowan and Plaintiff; and William Gowan directed that he himself should be made one of the executors in it, and that there should be a clause introduced for the protection of the executors. On the 10th of May, William Gowan again went to Mr. Donovan and got him to draw a codicil to the will, leaving an annuity of £100, to him out of the lands of Ashwood, those very lands which his brother alleged were made over to him by a prior deed. Mr. Gowan shortly after sent for Mr. Medicott, and told him that he wished to obtain his assistance in altering his will. Mr. Medicott remonstrated with him, and told him that he ought to give up all earthly affairs, and that it was not any business for him to undertake. Mr. Gowan however entrea-